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- Specification, Claim(s), and Abstract (21 pages). [X]
- [X]Formal drawings (16 sheets, Figures 1-18).
- [X]Declaration and Power of Attorney (3 pages).
- Preliminary Amendment with 2 sheets of formal drawings containing amended Figures 6(A), 6(B), 7(A) and 7(B).
- [X]Assignment of the invention to HITACHI UNISIA AUTOMOTIVE, LTD. and NISSAN MOTOR CO., LTD.
- [X]Assignment Recordation Cover Sheet.



- [X] Information Disclosure Statement.
- [X] Form PTO/SB/08 with copies of 5 listed reference(s).
- [X] Application Data Sheet (37 CFR 1.76).
- [X] Claim for Convention Priority with 1 certified Japanese priority document.

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